

From the Editor

In this issue, *Military Review* is honored to resume a longstanding tradition of featuring articles from the Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Congressman Ike Skelton, long a friend and ardent supporter of the US Armed Forces, opens this edition with an inspirational look at three enduring traits of successful militaries—*Esprit*, *Morale* and *Cohesion*. Skelton reminds us that if we are to remain the world's most potent fighting force, we must actively promote these intangible force multipliers to retain the military's "best and brightest."

With the unrelenting high operations tempo and diverse spectrum of missions and deployments that challenge our Armed Forces, it behooves all of us to become and remain knowledgeable about today's "global village." In that spirit, we are pleased to provide a venue that showcases the analytical talents of the experts at FMSO.

This issue marks my return from Bosnia-Herzegovina, where I spent six months as the chief of Public Information for the NATO-led Stabilization Force. While I welcomed the challenges of coordinating the various public information efforts of US and allied forces there, I am glad to be back at the helm of *Military Review*.

This issue also signals the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Mike Roddin, *MR*'s managing editor for the past five years. Mike adroitly steered *MR* through numerous "troubled waters" during his tenure. He is an immensely talented individual, totally dedicated to quality and service in the fullest measure. Just as those qualities made a lasting difference in his Army, they will surely benefit his new employer in the private sector.

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